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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DONALD LEO MELLEIN

Plaintiff(s),

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.

Defendant(s),

CASE NUMBER

2:23-cv-07970-CBM-MAA

APPLICATION OF NON-RESIDENT ATTORNEY  
TO APPEAR IN A SPECIFIC CASE  
**PRO HAC VICE**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS**

- (1) The attorney seeking to appear pro hac vice must complete Section I of this Application, personally sign, in ink, the certification in Section II, and have the designated Local Counsel sign in Section III. **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** Space to supplement responses is provided in Section IV. The applicant must also attach a Certificate of Good Standing (issued within the last 30 days) from every state bar to which he or she is admitted; failure to do so will be grounds for denying the Application. Scan the completed Application with its original ink signature, together with any attachment(s), to a single Portable Document Format (PDF) file.
- (2) Have the designated Local Counsel file the Application electronically using the Court's electronic filing system ("Motions and Related Filings => Applications/Ex Parte Applications/Motions/Petitions/Requests => Appear Pro Hac Vice (G-64)"), attach a Proposed Order (using Form G-64 ORDER, available from the Court's website), and pay the required \$500 fee online at the time of filing (using a credit card). The fee is required for each case in which the applicant files an Application. Failure to pay the fee at the time of filing will be grounds for denying the Application. **Out-of-state federal government attorneys are not required to pay the \$500 fee.** (Certain attorneys for the United States are also exempt from the requirement of applying for pro hac vice status. See L.R. 83-2.1.4.) A copy of the G-64 ORDER in Word or WordPerfect format must be emailed to the generic chambers email address. L.R. 5-4.4.2.

**SECTION I - INFORMATION**

Johnson, Robert E.

Applicant's Name (Last Name, First Name & Middle Initial)

check here if federal government attorney ☐

Institute for Justice

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**I have been retained to represent the following parties:**

Donald Leo Mellein

☒ Plaintiff(s) ☐ Defendant(s) ☐ Other:

☐ Plaintiff(s) ☐ Defendant(s) ☐ Other:

Name(s) of Party(ies) Represented

List all state and federal courts (including appellate courts) to which the applicant has been admitted, and provide the current status of his or her membership. Use Section IV if more room is needed, or to provide additional information.

Name of Court

Date of Admission

Active Member in Good Standing? (if not, please explain)

\*SEE SECTION IV

List all cases in which the applicant has applied to this Court for *pro hac vice* status in the previous three years (continue in Section IV if needed):

<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Title of Action</u>	<u>Date of Application</u>	<u>Granted / Denied?</u>
2:21-cv-04405-RGK	Paul Snitko, et al. v. United States of America, et al.	5/27/2021	Granted 6/04/2021

If any *pro hac vice* applications submitted within the past three (3) years have been denied by the Court, please explain:

N/A

*Attorneys must be registered for the Court's electronic filing system to practice pro hac vice in this Court. Submission of this Application will constitute your registration (or re-registration) to use that system. If the Court signs an Order granting your Application, visit [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov) to complete the registration process and activate your e-filing privileges in the Central District of California.*

## **SECTION II - CERTIFICATION**


I declare under penalty of perjury that:

- (1) All of the above information is true and correct.
- (2) I am not a resident of the State of California. I am not regularly employed in, or engaged in substantial business, professional, or other activities in the State of California.
- (3) I am not currently suspended from and have never been disbarred from practice in any court.
- (4) I am familiar with the Court's Local Civil and Criminal Rules, the Federal Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure, and the Federal Rules of Evidence.
- (5) I designate the attorney listed in Section III below, who is a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court and maintains an office in the Central District of California for the practice of law, in which the attorney is physically present on a regular basis to conduct business, as local counsel pursuant to Local Rule 83-2.1.3.4.

Dated 10/3/23

Robert E. Johnson

Applicant's Name (please type or print)

  
Applicant's Signature

**SECTION III - DESIGNATION OF LOCAL COUNSEL**

Egerton-Wiley, Lou

*Designee's Name (Last Name, First Name & Middle Initial)*

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*Firm/Agency Name*

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*City, State, Zip Code**Designee's California State Bar Number*

I hereby consent to the foregoing designation as local counsel, and declare under penalty of perjury that I maintain an office in the Central District of California for the practice of law, in which I am physically present on a regular basis to conduct business.

Dated 10/3/23

Lou Egerton-Wiley

*Designee's Name (please type or print)**Designee's Signature***SECTION IV - SUPPLEMENT ANSWERS HERE (ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)**

Robert Johnson is admitted to the following Federal Courts/State Bars:

U.S. Supreme Court, August 28, 2015, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 2nd Circuit, January 31, 2018, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 3rd Circuit, March 29, 2013, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 4th Circuit, November 30, 2015, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 7th Circuit, April 5, 2019, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 8th Circuit, June 15, 2015, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 9th Circuit, October 16, 2013, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – 11th Circuit, November 16, 2022, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. Court of Appeals – D.C. Circuit, Nov. 15, 2019, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, December 7, 2020, Active Member in Good Standing  
 U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, October 31, 2014, Inactive Member in Good Standing

Virginia Bar, June 4, 2012, Bar No. 83219, Inactive Member in Good Standing  
 District of Columbia Bar, April 1, 2013, Bar No. 1013390, Active Member in Good Standing  
 Ohio Bar, May 15, 2019, Bar No. 0098498, Active Member in Good Standing



# VIRGINIA STATE BAR

## CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ROBERT EVERETT JOHNSON IS AN ASSOCIATE (INACTIVE) MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR IN GOOD STANDING. MR. JOHNSON WAS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN VIRGINIA ON APRIL 25, 2012, AFTER SUCCESSFULLY PASSING THE BAR EXAMINATION GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS.

Issued September 26, 2023

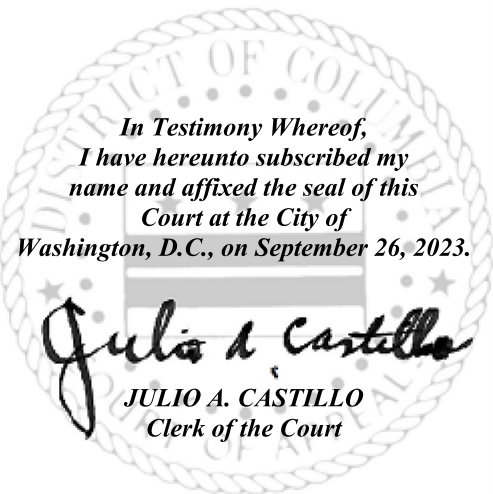
*DaVida M. Davis*  
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Director of Regulatory Compliance



*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,  
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

***Robert Everett Johnson***

*was duly qualified and admitted on April 1, 2013 as an attorney and counselor entitled to  
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good  
standing of this Bar.*



Issued By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David Chu".

*David Chu - Director, Membership  
District of Columbia Bar Membership*

***For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email  
memberservices@dcbar.org.***



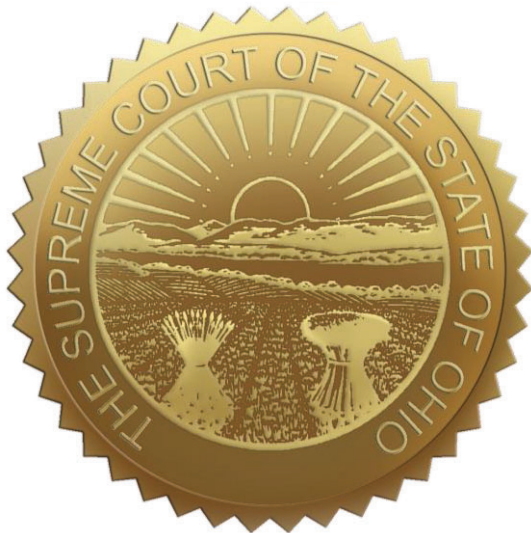
# THE SUPREME COURT *of* OHIO

## CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

I, GINA WHITE PALMER, Director of the Attorney Services Division of the Supreme Court of Ohio, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the records of the Office of Attorney Services of the Supreme Court and that the Attorney Services Division is responsible for reviewing Court records to determine the status of Ohio attorneys. I further certify that, having fulfilled all of the requirements for admission to the practice of law in Ohio,

**Robert Everett Johnson**  
Attorney Registration No. **0098498**

was admitted to the practice of law in Ohio on May 15, 2019; has registered as an active attorney pursuant to the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; is in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio; and is entitled to practice law in this state.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
subscribed my name and affixed the seal of  
the Supreme Court, this 26th day of  
September, 2023.

GINA WHITE PALMER

*Director, Attorney Services Division*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy White".

Tammy J. White

*Manager, Office of Attorney Services*



No. 2023-09-26-1

Verify by email at [GoodStandingRequests@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:GoodStandingRequests@sc.ohio.gov)